



The Joy of Torah - For Life

Parshas Vayikra

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The pasuk in Yeshaya (49,6) tells us that Yeshaya was upset after he gave Klal Yisrael rebuke and they didn't listen, he felt as if all his effort and work were for nothing. According to the Radak, Hashem says back to Yeshaya, is it light in your eyes that you're a servant to me? And is it not enough that you prophesied that Klal Yisrael will eventually in the times of Moshiach be raised back up again, and thus - Klal Yisrael will be upheld from falling during their long and difficult exile?! and finally, people all over the world will see your prophecy was fulfilled and return to Hashem! So it seems that Hashem had 3 replies to Yeshaya why he should feel good about what he did.

- A. You did your job. You tried, and that's all you can do. Hashem was saying our job is to do, not accomplish, results are up to Hashem only. This is a tremendous hashkafa the Rosh Yeshiva, Reb Henoch ZT"L, brought out from this line of the Radak.
- B. Your nevuah will raise up the Jews in their exile amongst the nations. You had a prophecy on the good that Hashem will do to them at the end of days.
- C. Everyone will know that you we're right all along, and through your nevuah coming true, the whole world will come back to Me.

A & C above are clearly fundamental and highly impactful concepts. But how does B above work? How will Yeshaya's nevuah uphold klal Yisrael, in fact it didn't save us, and we're still in galus today? Lechora it means the uplifting and hopeful words of Yeshaya are a national treasure that has worked and will continue to work to lift our spirits in even the darkest times of our galus. We see from here the power that hope has on a person, to spare him from ye'ush, from giving up completely, and the secret to our being able to withstand the galus is feeling this hargasha. The fact that Yeshaya told us that we will return to our former glory is such an important thing that Hashem lists it as one of the great accomplishments of Yeshaya. It seems that we should all take advantage of the many haftoras that quote these psukim of nevuah, and learn them, along with all the nevuos of Yehasya, with this newfound understanding, to deepen our connection and appreciation of them, because Hashem tells us it will yield great results helping us cope through galus. May Hashem bring Moshiach speedily in our time.